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SENATE MEMORIAL 95

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A  
LEGISLATIVE INTERIM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REGULATION  
OF TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES AND TO PROVIDE POLICY  
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE AND  
REGULATION OF ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

WHEREAS, telecommunications have become an integral and  
indispensable part of New Mexico society; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans depend on telecommunications for  
police and fire responses, emergency 911 responses and delivery  
of state, county and local government services; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks last in service by competitive  
telecommunications companies with only eight percent of New  
Mexicans served by competitive telecommunications companies,

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1 while thirty-four percent of residents are served by  
2 competitive telecommunications companies in the neighboring  
3 state of Arizona; and

4 WHEREAS, incumbent local exchange carriers are often  
5 heavily regulated, while most other telecommunications  
6 companies are not regulated; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico's contrast of rural and low population  
8 density areas and urban and metropolitan areas presents  
9 challenges for telecommunications companies to provide  
10 services; and

11 WHEREAS, regulations have presented problems for  
12 telecommunications companies to adjust and compete with new  
13 inexpensive technologies and devices; and

14 WHEREAS, regulations have not prevented the loss of  
15 telecommunications services to thousands of New Mexicans; and

16 WHEREAS, the fair and equitable governance of all  
17 telecommunications companies can increase service by  
18 competitive telecommunications companies, keep incumbent local  
19 exchange carriers competitive and benefit New Mexicans with  
20 affordable and reliable telephone, wireless, internet and other  
21 telecommunications services;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
23 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
24 requested to appoint a legislative interim information  
25 technology and telecommunications oversight committee to study

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1 the regulation of telecommunications companies during the  
2 interim and present policy recommendation for the fair and  
3 equitable regulation of all telecommunications companies; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
6 council.

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